

The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Years ago, you made the decision to break up the monopoly that the telephone company had on communication service in this country and around the world. Why would you now go back and give them a monopoly on technology that is the very result of that competition? Is it because suddenly big business has seen a new avenue for profit and a way to control access to that profit? I think so. I wish to go on record now that I do not support any plan to put a monopoly on Internet providers and access. Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country.